

Colorado Department
of Public Health
and Environment

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Dear Member of the Community:

The Rocky Flats Cleanup Agreement (RFCA) Parties, the Department of Energy (DOE), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) are releasing for a 60day public review and comment period proposed modifications to RFCA Attachments and the addition of a new Attachment in accordance with Paragraph 117 of RFCA. Two key modifications include: a proposed reduction of the Radioactive Soil Action Levels (**RSALs**) for plutonium, americium and uranium, and the implementation of an integrated risk-based approach for determining accelerated actions in the subsurface. The **60-day** public review and comment period ends on January 13, 2003.

Enclosed with this letter are the proposed modifications for public review and comment:

- RFCA Attachment 5, *Action Levels and **Standards** Framework for Surface Water, Ground Water and Soils;*
- RFCA Attachment 10, *RCRA Closure for Interim Status Units;* and
- New **RFCA** Attachment 14, *Original Process Waste Lines (OP WL) Subsurface Soil Approach.*

Also enclosed is a *Technical Basis Document* that summarizes the proposed modifications and the Parties' **rationale** for proposing them. *The Technical Basis Document* is intended to inform the public regarding the **key** aspects of the proposed **modifications** and to facilitate an effective public review process.

The proposed modifications and the *Technical Basis Document* have been prepared **jointly** by the RFCA Parties. However, the proposed modifications are subject to EPA and CDPHE approval **after** consideration of comments and incorporation by DOE of any changes deemed necessary for approval. The RFCA Parties will prepare a **comment** responsiveness **summary** **that** shows how comments were considered in the final **RFCA** modifications.

Proposed **conforming** modifications to the Environmental Restoration RFCA Standard **Operating Protocol (ER RSOP)** are expected to be available for a 30day public review period beginning on or **about** December 12, 2002. The ER RSOP proposed modifications are also **subject** to EPA and CDPHE approval **after** consideration of comments and incorporation **by** DOE of any changes deemed necessary for approval.

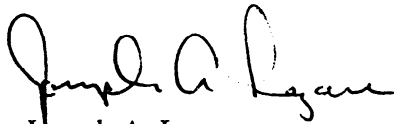
A Compact Disk containing the five Task Reports that constitute the *Results of the Interagency Review of Radionuclide Soil Action Levels*, September 30, 2002 is also enclosed. However, the Task 3 Report and Appendices entitled, *Calculation of Surface Radionuclide Soil Action Levels for Plutonium, Americium, and Uranium*, on this disk does not contain Appendix E – *RESRAD Run Results Printout*, due to its large size. This information, and other Administrative Record file documents, can be found online at the following website: www.rfets.gov (and click on the Navigation button).

Public comments should be submitted in writing, postmarked not later than January 13, 2003, to:

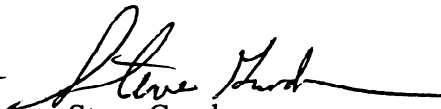
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We welcome community input regarding the proposed modifications.

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